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The Council met again in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven Thirty-two of the Clock, with the President in the Chair.

**PRESIDENT**: As the House adjourned unexpectedly yesterday, the questions set for yesterday will be answered first today and then today's questions will be answered and the members will be allowed the right of putting supplementary questions to yesterday's answers as well.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

*Establishment of a Dispensary between Trivandrum and Chirayinkil.*

16. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Have the Government considered the desirability of opening a dispensary somewhere between Trivandrum and Chirayinkil?

**MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*): A general scheme for rural medical relief is under consideration. The question of opening a dispensary at Puthenthope will be considered along with it.

*Opening of a Dispensary at Paruttipalli.*

17. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state if the Administrative Board, Medical Services, has reached any decision in the matter of opening a dispensary at Paruttipalli in Neduvangad taluk?

**MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*): A general scheme for rural medical relief is under consideration. The question of opening a dispensary at Paruttipalli will be considered along with it.

*Vamanapuram-Bharatannur Trace.*

18. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state if estimates for the conversion of the Vamanapuram-Bharatannur trace into a cart road have been got prepared by the Trivandrum Executive Engineer and, if so, will they be pleased to direct that the work should be taken in hand as early as practicable



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**MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*): The estimate has not been prepared. The Chief Engineer has already directed the Division Officer to prepare it.

*Double-shift System.*

19. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to call for and place on the table a report as to the suitability or otherwise of the double-shift system in the primary schools in Travancore?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government received a report on the subject from the Director of Public Instruction. After careful consideration of the question, they have ordered the discontinuance of the system with effect from the beginning of the school year 1928-29. Government do not see the necessity to place the report on the table.

**MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): On whose report was this double-shift system first introduced?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): On the report of the Director of Public Instruction. It was introduced as an experiment.

**MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Was it on the recommendation of the previous Inspector of Schools or the present Inspector?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It was on the recommendation of the previous Inspector of Schools.

**MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Was it an original idea with him or did he copy it from elsewhere?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I think the system was prevailing somewhere else. I think it was in Bombay.

**MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Is it a failure there?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot say. It has been proved to be a failure here.

**MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Were all aspects of the question regarding the system fully considered by the Government?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

**MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): What does the Director of Public Instruction now say on the matter?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He says it has been now proved to be a failure.

**MR K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): What is it due to?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There has been fall in the number of pupils attending the schools of the double-shift

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